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MEMORANDUM FOR: SSA-DD/S

SUBJECT: Single-Man Posts

REFERENCE: Memo for the Record by [redacted] same subject,
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1. As you know, we have been evaluating each request for the establishment of single-man bases according to the principles which were agreed upon between [redacted]. On the only two occasions when we have had reason to question the establishment of single-man bases, the NEA Division obtained the Director's approval to establish such bases in accordance with the Division's request.

2. It seems clear that the purpose of our analysis of such requests is to relieve single-man installations of administrative responsibility whenever circumstances permit the assignment of such activities (including the provision of appropriate policy guidance) to a base which is already established. The final determination as to whether a single-man installation is given base status may involve questions concerning the personalities and competence of the officials concerned; that is, is it really practicable to place a new field installation under the operational and administrative control of an established base? In our opinion, we should continue to appraise the administrative feasibility of such arrangements while recognizing that the final determination may involve judgments concerning operational matters which can only be made by the DD/P.

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